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Bureau of Land Management California State Office Report to the California State OHV Commission

Further updates on the following subjects will be provided at the next OHV Commission meeting:

Bishop Field Office Presentation WEMO update Chappie- Shasta Video

BLM Plans Meetings on Cow Mountain Recreation Management Plan

UKIAH, Calif. – The Bureau of Land Management Ukiah Field Office will hold public scoping meetings in September to gather comments for a recreation management plan for North and South Cow Mountain.

Meetings will be held Sept. 22 at the Ukiah Field Office, 2550 North State St., Ukiah and Sept. 24 at the Lake County Court House, 255 North Forbes St., Lakeport. Both meetings will be from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Comments gathered in the scoping meetings will be used to develop a draft management plan that will be released for public comment later this year.

For more information, contact Sarah Mathews, BLM outdoor recreation planner, at (707) 1468-4051, BLM_CA_COWSCOPING@blm.gov.



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Wildland Fire Update – BLM

As of Monday, September 21, 2015, Just under 90,000 acres of BLM land has burned in California.

Valley Fire -- Located in Lake County near Glenbrook Road, Northwest of Middletown. Burning in State Direct Protection Area (DPA) and State Responsibility Area (SRA) as well as some BLM Federal Responsibility Area (FRA). The fire is currently 75,781 acres; approximately 1,873 acres BLM land has burned.

BLM Closes Knoxville Due to Valley Fire

Ukiah, Calif - The Knoxville management area is closed to all public use and access, including hunting and off highway vehicle use, until further notice due to the Valley Fire burning in Lake, Napa and Solano counties. This closure affects public lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management's Ukiah Field Office including the Knoxville management area and adjacent isolated parcels. For more information, please call the BLM Ukiah Field Office at (707) 468-4000.

Butte Fire -- Located in Amador County, near Butte Mountain Road, Jackson. It is burning in State Direct Protection Area (DPA) and State Responsibility Area (SRA) as well as on BLM Federal SRA lands. The fire is currently 70,760 acres, approximately 12,146 acres of BLM land has burned.

West Mojave Route Network Project (WMRNP)

The West Mojave Route Network Project (WMRNP) is a travel management planning effort covering 9.24 million acres in the West Mojave area of the California desert. Approximately 3.1 million acres in the planning area are public lands managed by the BLM. The WMRNP supplements the 2006 West Mojave Plan. The planning area covers the western portion of the Mojave Desert in southern California including parts of San Bernardino, Los Angeles, Kern, Inyo, and a small portion of Riverside Counties.

In late July a Joint Motion was filed with the United States District Court requesting a modification and extension of the schedule for completing the WEMO Plan Revision. In early August the Court granted the motion. A facet of the time extension is the reopening of the public review and comment period on the Draft SEIS that was released in March 2015 for 120 days. Two public meetings will be scheduled during the 120-day comment period. Notice of the meetings will be provided at least 30 days prior to the date of the meeting through local news media, BLM Newsbytes and on the WMRNP Website http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/cdd/west_mojave__wemo.html meetings. The Record of Decision is due November 2016.



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BLM Eagle Office Fort Sage

Acquisition Project

The purchase of the land is very important to the management of the Fort Sage OHV Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA). If the parcels are developed in the future by private land owners there will most likely be conflict with current use under of public lands since it is adjacent to multiple OHV trails and the Widowmaker Trailhead, which is used for casual and motorcycle race events. In addition the parcel, will provide an important connection from the Widowmaker Trailhead to the rest of the network of trails and would allow users to access the southern side of the OHV area without riding on the very busy, unpaved County Road.

The acquisition consist of two projects; project 1 consist of 8 parcels totaling 1,930 acres and would be acquired using California State Parks OHV funds under grants G11-01-08-A01 for \$211,000 -Expected to be purchased by August 2015. Project 2 consist of 4 parcels totaling 940 acres and would be acquired using California State Parks OHV funds under grants G12-01-08-A01 for \$130,779 - Expected to be purchased by May 2016.



Once the project is complete the BLM will be ready to create the planned linkage/connector trails within the project area, identify existing trails within the parcel and utilize the information collected to ensure the sustainability of OHV recreation. Completion of this project and the projects funded by the BLM such as the future connector trail will help eliminate OHV users from riding on the Fort Sage County road with non-street legal vehicles. The acquisition project is in conformance with the May 2007 Eagle Lake Recreation Area



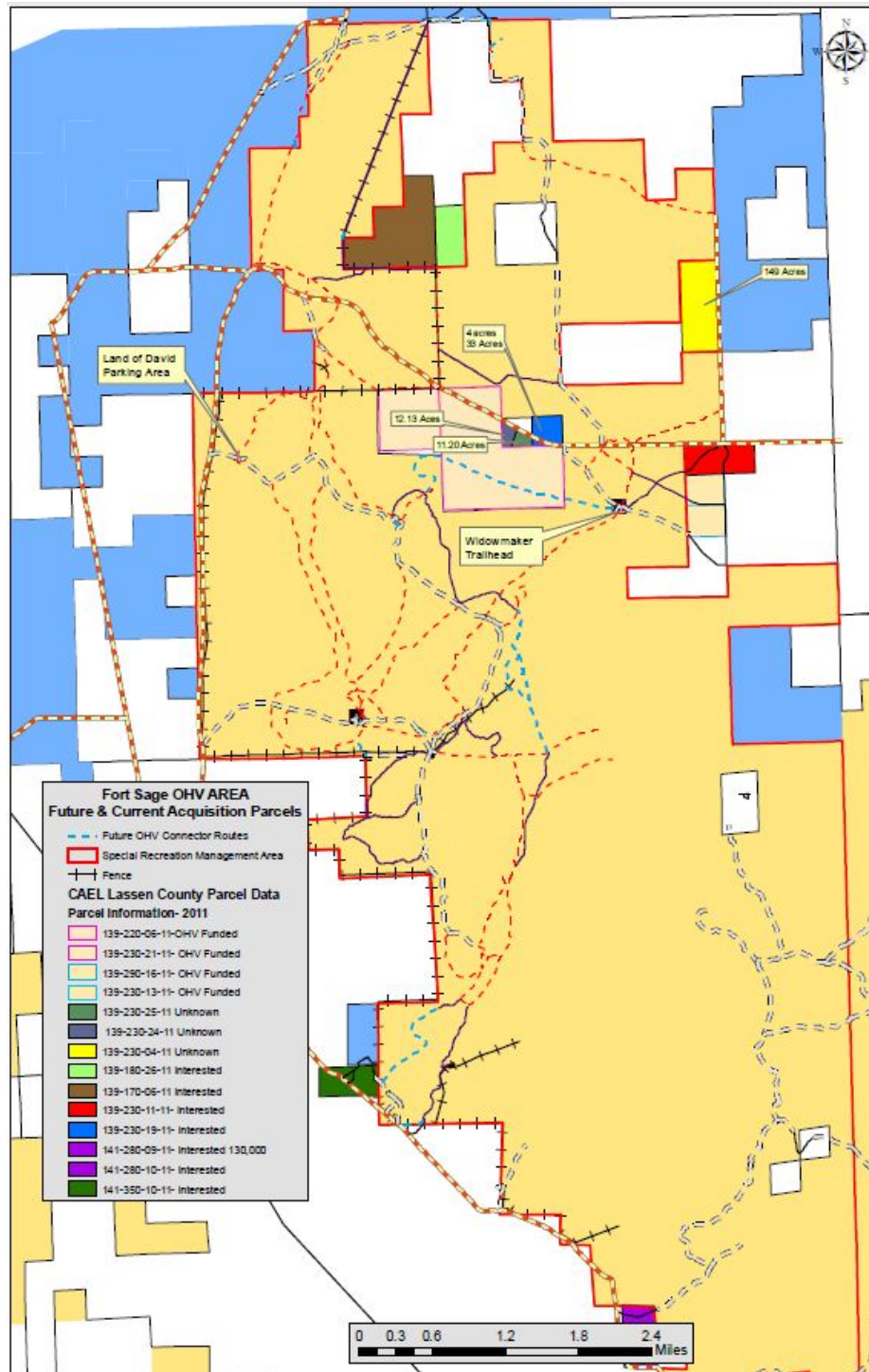
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Management Plan (RAMP) and is addressed as a priority parcel to be acquired and a future OHV "connector trail" to be constructed (pg. 2-96). The Lassen Motorcycle Club (LMC) works closely with the BLM and supports the proposed acquisition project. Matching funds in this project will be through in-kind labor.





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BLM Bishop Field Office

Invites the Public to Celebrate National Public Lands Day

The Bureau of Land Management Bishop Field Office will host three National Public Lands Day events this year. They are:

* Alabama Hills Trail Construction, Saturday, Sept. 26: The Alabama Hills Stewardship Group and Bishop Field Office invite you to join in a morning of trail construction in the Alabama Hills. Participants should meet at 8 a.m. at the junction of Movie Road and Whitney Portal Road for a volunteer orientation and to car pool to the project site off Whitney Portal Road. Volunteers are invited to enjoy a barbecue at the Lone Pine City Park after the project work. For further information, contact Becky Hutto, BLM park ranger, at (760) 872-5008 or Doug Thompson, Alabama Hills Stewardship Group, at (760) 937-2257.

*Tungsten Hills Trail Maintenance, Saturday, Sept. 26: Sierra Responsible Riders and the Bishop Field Office invite you to join in a morning of single-track trail maintenance in the Tungsten Hills. Participants should meet at the Tungsten City Road and Ed Powers Road at 9 a.m. BLM will provide water and snacks. Participants should bring gloves, hat and sunscreen. For further information, contact Richard Williams, BLM recreation planner, at (760) 872-5033.

*Bitterbrush Planting in Indian Fire burned area, Saturday, Oct. 3: For the third year in a row, the Bishop Field Office invites volunteers to join in a morning of bitterbrush planting located off Highway 120 in the Indian Fire area. This project will help to restore native plants to the area that was burned in 2012, thereby improving habitat for birds and other wildlife. Participants should meet at 9:30 a.m. at the junction of highways 395 120. Participants should bring their own water and food. For further information contact Martin Oliver, BLM botanist, at (760) 872-5035.



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Bishop Field Office Current OHV Grants

Bishop OHV Grants 2012-G11				
Project Agreement Number	Project Name	Project Description	PPP End Date	Grant Total
G11-01-05-L01	Bishop LE	Enforcement of OHV laws and regulations.	12/31/2013	\$23,550
G11-01-05-R01	Tungsten Hills Restoration	Survey of cultural resources to determine restoration techniques.	12/31/2015	\$43,000
			TOTAL	\$66,550
Bishop OHV Grants 2013-G12				
Project Agreement Number	Project Name	Project Description	PPP End Date	Grant Total
G12-01-05-L01	Law Enforcement	Enforcement of OHV laws and regulations.	12/31/14	34,687
G12-01-05-R02	Volcanic Tableland Restoration	Permanently close unauthorized route.	12/31/16	36,928
G12-01-05-R04	Wild Wilkes Restoration	Permanently close unauthorized route.	12/31/16	25,436
G12-01-05-R01	Restoration Protection	Protection of restoration sites funded by the Trust Fund.	12/31/16	78,320
G12-01-05-R05	Travertine Restoration	Permanently close unauthorized routes and disturbed areas.	12/31/16	42,251
G12-01-05-R03	Planning	Digitize old hand drawn route maps and create a transpiration layer in BLM's GIS system.	12/31/16	37,560
			TOTAL	255,182
Bishop OHV Grants 2014-G13				
Project Agreement Number	Project Name	Project Description	PPP End Date	Grant Total
G13-01-05-L01	Law Enforcement	Enforcement of OHV laws and regulations.	12/31/15	32,300
G13-01-05-G01	Ground Operations	Trail maintenance in the Tungsten Hills.	12/31/15	57,834
G13-01-05-P01	Planning	Determine the feasibility of a new route along the west side of the White Mountains.	12/31/17	11,723
G13-01-05-R01	Restoration	Permanently close unauthorized routes and disturbed areas.	9/1/17	41,439
G13-01-05-R02	Restoration Planning	Prepare NEPA for area potential affected by the listing of the Sage Grouse.	12/31/17	19,520
			TOTAL	162,816
GRAND TOTAL				\$484,548